# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH PROGRAMME
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) the present status of implementation of the National Oral Health Programme (NOHP) in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the clinics/hospitals covered, the activities undertaken, the facilities provided along with the number of beneficiaries under the programme, State/UT-wise;

(c) the funds allocated and spent on various heads under this programme during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to formulate a time bound action plan for extending the reach of the said programme to all the medical colleges and district hospitals in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (c): National Oral Health Program (NOHP) is a new initiative by Government of India in the 12th five year plan with following objectives:

1. Improvement in the determinants of ora] health e.g healthy diet, oral hygiene imp- rovement etc and to reduce disparity in oral health accessibility in rural & urban population.

2. Reduce morbidity from oral diseases by strengthening oral health services at Sub district/district hospital to start with.

3. Integrate oral health promotion and preventive services with general health care system and other sectors that influence oral health; namely various National Health Programs

i) Manpower support [Dentist, Dental Hygienist, Dental Assistant]

ii) Equipments including Dental Chair

iii) Consumables for dental procedures

The present status of implementation of the program along with the clinics/Hospitals covered and the activities undertaken is annexed. The data regarding number of bene- ficiaries is not maintained centrally. The Budget Estimate for 2014-15 is Rs 2.66 Crore which has been revised to Rs2.00Crore at RE stage. Grants to eight states/UTs have been released during current financial year 2014- 15 under NOHP and the details are annexed.

(d) to (e): The Government of India has proposed to implement the program in 200 districts across the country in a phased manner during the 12th Five year Plan (2012-2017). At present, there is no proposal to cover the medical colleges under NOHP.